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Food and Drug Administration

Drug Safety and Risk Management Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

This notice announces a forthcoming meeting of a public advisory committee of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The meeting will be open to the public.

Name of Committee: Drug Safety and Risk Management Advisory Committee.

General Function of the Committee: To provide advice and recommendations to the agency on FDA's regulatory issues.

Date and Time: The meeting will be held on September 19, 2003, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Location: Holiday Inn, The Ballrooms, 8777 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, MD.

Contact Person: Shalini Jain, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (HFD–21), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane (for express delivery, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1093) Rockville, MD 20857, 301– 827–7001, e-mail at: *jains@cder.fda.gov*, or FDA Advisory Committee Information Line, 1 800–741–8138 (301–443–0572 in the Washington, DC area), code 12535. Please call the Information Line for up to date information on this meeting. Background materials for this meeting, when available, will be posted on the

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Web site 1 business day before the meeting at *http://www.fda.gov/ohrms/dockets/ac/acmenu.htm*.

Agenda: The committee will discuss current screening methods to assess sound alike and look alike proprietary drug names, in order to reduce the incidence of medication errors resulting from look-alike and sound-alike names. This advisory committee meeting is in followup to FDA, Institute for Safe Medication Practices, and the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America public meeting on the same subject, held on June 26, 2003.

Procedure: Interested persons may present data, information, or views, orally or in writing, on issues pending before the committee. Written submissions may be made to the contact person by September 12, 2003. Oral presentations from the public will be scheduled between approximately 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. Time allotted for each presentation may be limited. Those desiring to make formal oral presentations should notify the contact person before September 12, 2003, and submit a brief statement of the general nature of the evidence or arguments they wish to present, the names and addresses of proposed participants, and an indication of the approximate time requested to make their presentation.

Persons attending FDA's advisory committee meetings are advised that the agency is not responsible for providing access to electrical outlets.

FDA welcomes the attendance of the public at its advisory committee meetings and will make every effort to accommodate persons with physical disabilities or special needs. If you require special accommodations due to a disability, please contact Kimberly Topper at least 7 days in advance of the meeting.

Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. app. 2).

Dated: 7/25/03
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Peter J. Fitts,
Associate Commissioner for External Relations.

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